## **FIREFIGHTER**

Class Code:

Bargaining Unit: Non-represented

MT. CHARLESTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Established Date: May 19, 2015

Revision Date:

#### **SALARY RANGE**

\$ - \$ Hourly

\$ - \$ Biweekly

\$ - \$ Monthly

\$ - \$ Annually

#### **DEFINITION:**

Under general supervision, performs work of moderate difficulty related to Fire/Rescue Operations, Emergency Medical Services, and Fire Prevention; performs related duties as assigned.

#### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:**

This is a journey level class distinguished by responsibility for fighting fires and providing basic and intermediate emergency life support services. Duties involve training for and participating in varied fire fighting and life rescuing duties and activities in the protection of life and property. Although firefighting is the most difficult and responsible area of activity, a major portion of time is spent on continued training in the skills and techniques of fire fighting, equipment operation, routine care and maintenance of firefighting equipment, apparatus, and fire department buildings and grounds.

#### **EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Responds to fire alarms and participates in fire extinguishment, rescue, and fire suppression using firefighting tools and equipment such as axes, pry bars, pike poles, power saws, ladders, portable extinguishers, and two-way radios.5%
- 2. Performs hose operations such as coupling and uncoupling hoses, attaching hose appliances, advancing hose lines, and directing streams into fire in order to control and extinguish fires. 5%
- 3. Performs salvage and overhaul operations such as identifying strategies to protect property by using salvage covers and smoke fans, locating smoldering fires, removing property to protect it from damage, removing excess water, assessing damaged structures for safety and performing cleanup as necessary.5%
- 4. Rescues individuals in danger from fire, vehicle accidents, industrial accidents and other situation requiring extraction.5%
- 5. Frees individuals from machines and equipment, collapsed structures, earth cave-ins and electrical hazards using extrication and forcible entry equipment in a way that minimizes further injury.5%
- 6. Responds to medical emergencies; provides basic and intermediate life support to the sick and injured; completes written reports on the condition of patients and emergency medical aid given. 5%
- 7. Inspects, cleans, and services firefighting equipment and apparatus; maintains clean and orderly conditions in and about fire station; maintains adequate inventory of cleaning, maintenance, and other supplies for the station.20%

- 8. Participates in wildland and structural fire suppression; medical, hazardous materials, and other emergencies; fire prevention and education; presuppression; equipment and facility maintenance; and forestry and fire enforcement.20%
- 9. Responds to emergency incidents such as structural and wildland fires, medical emergencies, vehicle accidents, hazardous material incidents, floods, and other emergencies.20%
- 10. Extinguishes structure fires; lay hose lines, direct nozzles, and apply extinguishing agents; raise and climb ladders; ventilate buildings; perform salvage and overhaul operations; assess and triage property damage to minimize property loss.5%
- 11. Controls wildland fires; build hand lines, fall trees, lay hose lines and direct nozzles; set backfires; direct aerial drops; provide structural protection; performs fuels reduction activities; and mop up and patrol fire area to safeguard life, natural resources, and structures.5%

#### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:

Knowledge of/Skills in:

Principles of wildland and structural fire management, suppression, prevention and education; pump operations and hydraulic systems; State and federal forestry and fire laws; fire behavior in various weather conditions; fire suppression tactics applicable to structural, wildland, vehicle, and hazardous materials fires; characteristics and application of chemical fire retardants; facility and equipment maintenance. Working knowledge of 2-way radio operations and frequencies; use and limitations of personal safety equipment; first aid and CPR.

#### Ability to:

Provide emergency medical treatment to injured persons; function effectively in potentially dangerous and life threatening situations for extended periods of time; plan, organize, and prioritize daily activities; read and follow written procedures and operations guidelines; orally communicate effectively about fire preventions programs to groups of adults and children; read topographical maps; use wildland and structural fire tools; use rescue and extrication tools.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

**Education and Experience:** 

Graduation from high school or equivalent education. Must possess NFPA Firefighter 1 Certification, NRAEMT-Basic certification at the time of application, and maintain that certification. Must also meet National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) eligibility requirements to Firefighter 1, and maintain Red Card qualifications.

**Working Conditions:** Work is performed in the field and air-conditioned stations. Field work involves performing fire rescue operations tasks in temperatures above 105 degrees F. and below 50 degrees F. while wearing an SCBA and full protective clothing. Wear a uniform as specified, and wear self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) in order to participate in emergency responses. May work extended shifts or be called back in emergency situations.

**Special Requirements, Licensing and Certification:** Must possess and retain a valid Class B Nevada driver's license, and maintain a satisfactory driving record.

#### **PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

Climb ladders and work at considerable heights; fight fires wearing an air pack and protective equipment weighing 58 pounds; use power driven tools; ascend and descend stairs; hearing and speech to communicate in person or over the telephone; and use good judgment. Accommodation may be made for some of these physical demands for otherwise qualified individuals who require and request such

accommodation.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: FLSA Category: Non-Exempt